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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present continuation application has been filed in order to preserve Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. § 135 with respect to U.S. Patent No. 5,757,470 issued May 26, 1998 (the '470 patent).

Claims 26-29 are carried over from the parent application. Claims 30-67 have been copied substantially (in most cases exactly) from the '470 patent. Claims 68-90 are based on the claims of the European counterpart of the '470 patent, EP 0 648 348 B1.

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is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

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